

# HIDDEN SYMMETRY OF THE DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS ON THE QUANTUM MATRIX SPACE

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**1.** This work solves a problem whose simple special case occurs in a construction of a quantum unit ball of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  (in the spirit of [10]). Within the framework of that theory, the automorphism group of the ball  $SU(n, 1) \subset SL(n+1)$  is essential. The problem is that the Wess-Zumino differential calculus in quantum  $\mathbb{C}^n$  [11] at a first glance seems to be only  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_n$ -invariant. In that particular case the lost  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n}$ -symmetry can be easily detected. The main result of this work is in disclosing the hidden  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_n$ -symmetry for bicovariant differential calculus in the quantum matrix space  $\text{Mat}(m, n)$ . (Note that for  $n = 1$  we have the case of a ball).

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**2.** We start with recalling the definition of the Hopf algebra  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_N$ ,  $N > 1$ , over the field  $\mathbb{C}(q)$  of rational functions of an indeterminate  $q$  [4], [5]. (We follow the notations of [3]).

For  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, N-1\}$  let

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 2, & i - j = 0 \\ -1, & |i - j| = 1 \\ 0, & |i - j| > 1. \end{cases}$$

The algebra  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_N$  is defined by the generators  $\{E_i, F_i, K_i, K_i^{-1}\}$  and the relations

$$\begin{aligned} K_i K_j &= K_j K_i, & K_i K_i^{-1} &= K_i^{-1} K_i = 1 \\ K_i E_j &= q^{a_{ij}} E_j K_i, & K_i F_j &= q^{-a_{ij}} F_j K_i \\ E_i F_j - F_j E_i &= \delta_{ij} (K_i - K_i^{-1}) / (q - q^{-1}) \\ E_i^2 E_j - (q + q^{-1}) E_i E_j E_i + E_j E_i^2 &= 0, & |i - j| &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$F_i^2 F_j - (q + q^{-1}) F_i F_j F_i + F_j F_i^2 = 0, \quad |i - j| = 1$$

$$[E_i, E_j] = [F_i, F_j] = 0, \quad |i - j| \neq 1.$$

A comultiplication  $\Delta$ , an antipode  $S$  and a counit  $\varepsilon$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_i &= E_i \otimes 1 + K_i \otimes E_i, & \Delta F_i &= F_i \otimes K_i^{-1} + 1 \otimes F_i, \\ \Delta K_i &= K_i \otimes K_i, & S(E_i) &= -K_i^{-1} E_i, \\ S(F_i) &= -F_i K_i, & S(K_i) &= K_i^{-1}, \\ \varepsilon(E_i) &= \varepsilon(F_i) = 0, & \varepsilon(K_i) &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

**3.** Remind a description of a differential algebra  $\Omega^*(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$  on a quantum matrix space [2] [8].

Let  $i, j, i', j' \in \{1, 2, \dots, m + n\}$ , and

$$\check{R}_{ij}^{i'j'} = \begin{cases} q^{-1}, & i = j = i' = j' \\ 1, & i' = j \text{ and } j' = i \text{ and } i \neq j \\ q^{-1} - q, & i = i' \text{ and } j = j' \text{ and } i < j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\Omega^*(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$  is given by the generators  $\{t_a^\alpha\}$  and relations

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\gamma, \delta} \check{R}_{\gamma\delta}^{\alpha\beta} t_a^\gamma t_b^\delta &= \sum_{c, d} \check{R}_{ab}^{cd} t_d^\beta t_c^\alpha \\ \sum_{a', b', \gamma', \delta'} \check{R}_{\gamma'\delta'}^{\alpha\beta} \check{R}_{ab}^{a'b'} t_{a'}^{\gamma'} dt_{b'}^{\delta'} &= dt_a^\alpha t_b^\beta \\ \sum_{a', b', \gamma', \delta'} \check{R}_{\gamma'\delta'}^{\alpha\beta} \check{R}_{ab}^{a'b'} dt_{a'}^{\gamma'} dt_{b'}^{\delta'} &= -dt_a^\alpha dt_b^\beta \end{aligned}$$

$(a, b, c, d, a', b' \in \{1, \dots, n\}; \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \gamma', \delta' \in \{1, \dots, m\})$ .

Let us define a grading by  $\deg(t_a^\alpha) = 0$ ,  $\deg(dt_a^\alpha) = 1$ . With that,  $\mathbb{C}[\text{Mat}(m, n)]_q = \Omega^0(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$  will stand for a subalgebra of zero degree elements .

**4.** Let  $A$  be a Hopf algebra and  $F$  an algebra with unit and an  $A$ -module the same time.  $F$  is said to be a  $A$ -module algebra [1] if the multiplication  $m : F \otimes F \rightarrow F$  is a morphism of  $A$ -modules, and  $1 \in F$  is an invariant (that is  $a(f_1 f_2) = \sum_j a'_j f_1 \otimes a''_j f_2$ ,  $a1 = \varepsilon(a)1$  for all  $a \in A$ ;  $f_1, f_2 \in F$ , with  $\Delta(a) = \sum_j a'_j \otimes a''_j$ ).

An important example of an  $A$ -module algebra appears if one supplies  $A^*$  with the structure of an  $A$ -module:  $\langle af, b \rangle = \langle f, ba \rangle$ ,  $a, b \in A$ ,  $f \in A^*$ .

**5.** Our immediate goal is to furnish  $\mathbb{C}[\text{Mat}(m, n)]_q$  with a structure of a  $U_q \mathfrak{sl}_{m+n}$ -module algebra via an embedding  $\mathbb{C}[\text{Mat}(m, n)]_q \hookrightarrow (U_q \mathfrak{sl}_{m+n})^*$ .

Let  $\{e_{ij}\}$  be a standard basis in  $\text{Mat}(m+n)$  and  $\{f_{ij}\}$  the dual basis in  $\text{Mat}(m+n)^*$ . Consider a natural representation  $\pi$  of  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n}$  :

$$\pi(E_i) = e_{i\ i+1}, \quad \pi(F_i) = e_{i+1\ i}, \quad \pi(K_i) = qe_{ii} + q^{-1}e_{i+1\ i+1} + \sum_{j \neq i, i+1} e_{jj}.$$

The matrix elements  $u_{ij} = f_{ij}\pi \in (U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n})^*$  of the natural representation may be treated as "coordinates" on the quantum group  $SL_{m+n}$  [4]. To construct "coordinate" functions on a big cell of the Grassmann manifold, we need the following elements of  $\mathbb{C}[\text{Mat}(m, n)]_q$

$$x(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_m) = \sum_{w \in S_m} (-q)^{l(w)} u_{1j_{w(1)}} u_{2j_{w(2)}} \dots u_{mj_{w(m)}},$$

with  $1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_m \leq m+n$ , and  $l(w) = \text{card}\{(a, b) \mid a < b \text{ and } w(a) > w(b)\}$  being the "length" of a permutation  $w \in S_m$ .

**Proposition 1.**  $x(1, 2, \dots, m)$  is invertible in  $(U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n})^*$ , and the map

$$t_a^\alpha \mapsto x(1, 2, \dots, m)^{-1} x(1, \dots, m \widehat{+ 1 - \alpha}, \dots, m, m+a)$$

can be extended up to an embedding

$$i : \mathbb{C}[\text{Mat}(m, n)]_q \hookrightarrow (U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n})^*.$$

(The sign  $\widehat{\phantom{x}}$  here indicates the item in a list that should be omitted).

Proposition 1 allows one to equip  $\mathbb{C}[\text{Mat}(m, n)]_q$  with the structure of a  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n}$ -module algebra :

$$i\xi t_a^\alpha = \xi i t_a^\alpha, \quad \xi \in U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n}, \quad a \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad \alpha \in \{1, \dots, m\}.$$

**6.** The main result of our work is the following

**Theorem 1.**  $\Omega^*(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$  admits a unique structure of a  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n}$ -module algebra such that the embedding

$$i : \mathbb{C}[\text{Mat}(m, n)]_q \hookrightarrow \Omega^*(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$$

and the differential

$$d : \Omega^*(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q \rightarrow \Omega^*(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$$

are the morphisms of  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n}$ -modules.

REMARK 1. The bicovariance of the differential calculus on the quantum matrix space allows one to equip the algebra  $\Omega^*(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$  with a structure of  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_m \times \mathfrak{sl}_n$ -module, which is compatible with multiplication in  $\Omega^*(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$  and differential  $d$ . Theorem 1 implies that  $\Omega^*(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$  possess an additional hidden symmetry since  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n} \supsetneq U_q\mathfrak{sl}_m \times \mathfrak{sl}_n$ .

REMARK 2. Let  $q_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $q_0$  is not a root of unity. It follows from the explicit formulae for  $E_m t_a^\alpha$ ,  $F_m t_a^\alpha$ ,  $K_m^{\pm 1} t_a^\alpha$ ,  $a \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\alpha \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ , that the "specialization"  $\Omega^*(\text{Mat}(m, n))_{q_0}$  is a  $U_{q_0}\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n}$ -module algebra.

7. Supply the algebra  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n}$  with a grading as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \deg(K_i) &= \deg(E_i) = \deg(F_i) = 0, \quad \text{for } i \neq m, \\ \deg(K_m) &= 0, \quad \deg(E_m) = 1, \quad \deg(F_m) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The proofs of Proposition 1 and Theorem 1 reduce to the construction of graded  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n}$ -modules which are dual respectively to the modules of functions  $\Omega^0(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$  and that of 1-forms  $\Omega^1(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$ . The dual modules are defined by their generators and correlations. While proving the completeness of the correlation list we implement the "limit specialization"  $q_0 = 1$  (see [3], p. 476).

The passage from the order one differential calculus  $\Omega^0(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q \xrightarrow{d} \Omega^1(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$  to  $\Omega^*(\text{Mat}(m, n))_q$  is done via a universal argument described in a paper by G. Maltsiniotis [9]. This argument doesn't break  $U_q\mathfrak{sl}_{m+n}$ -symmetry.

8. Our approach to the construction of order one differential calculus is completely analogous to that of V. Drinfeld [4] used initially to produce the algebra of functions on a quantum group by means of a universal enveloping algebra.

9. The space of matrices is the simplest example of an irreducible prehomogeneous vector space of parabolic type [7]. Such space can be also associated to a pair constituted by a Dynkin diagram of a simple Lie algebra  $\mathcal{G}$  and a distinguished vertex of this diagram. Our method can work as an efficient tool for producing  $U_q\mathcal{G}$ -invariant differential calculi on the above prehomogeneous vector spaces.

Note that  $U_q\mathcal{G}$ -module algebras of polynomials on quantum prehomogeneous spaces of parabolic type were considered in a recent work of M. S. Kebe [6].

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